

REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of November 21st, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 22, 2005, members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) apprehended Kenya Wright in East Chicago, Indiana. Wright was wanted for the attempted murder of Indianapolis Police Officer Michael Antonelli. On the night of November 20, 2005, Officer Antonelli conducted a traffic stop in Indianapolis, Indiana, in an area known as a hot spot for narcotics activity. As Officer Antonelli was gathering information from the driver of the vehicle, later identified as Kenya Wright, the subject attempted to flee on foot. Officer Antonelli gave chase, caught the subject and a struggle ensued. During the fight, the suspect was able to draw a weapon and fired at Officer Antonelli. The officer was struck once in the face. Although severely wounded, Officer Antonelli was able to alert other officers and relay the identity of the suspect since he had retrieved his identification. A perimeter was set up immediately but the suspect was able to avoid capture. The GLRFTF was contacted immediately to render assistance. On November 21, 2005, with critical assistance provided by TOG, the GLRFTF was able to determine that Wright fled to the Gary/East Chicago, Indiana area. Investigators were able to determine that Wright was hiding in a residence in East Chicago, where he was apprehended without incident. Officer Antonelli, although losing his left eye, is recovering.



Kenya Wright

**Wanted for Attempted
Murder of a Police
Officer**

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 22, 2005, Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) investigators arrested suspected murderer Jerome Magee at a hotel in Lithonia, Georgia. Magee, who was wanted by the Columbus, Georgia Police Department, is accused of killing his girlfriend, with whom he had a 3-month-old child, on November 16, 2005. Magee confronted the victim at her home in Columbus, Georgia and shot her once in the back of the head with a .38 caliber handgun and then shot her several more times in the face and chest. Their three-month-old baby was left at the scene where, approximately ten hours after the shooting, investigators found it crawling through a pool of its mother's blood. According to friends and associates, Magee's plan was to kill Rodgers and another male individual, whom he thought was romantically involved with his girlfriend, and then commit suicide. On November 18, 2005, a lead was developed indicating that Magee had been in the Snellville, Georgia area. Information was forwarded to the SERFTF and the investigation continued in the metro Atlanta area. On the night of the November 22, 2005, the investigation led Task Force agents to a motel in Snellville. Magee had gotten another female friend of his to rent him two separate rooms in her name so he could move between the two to avoid detection by authorities. At approximately 10:00 p.m., SERFTF agents breached the door of one of the rooms and found Magee inside. He was placed into custody without incident.



Jerome Magee

Wanted for Homicide

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 20, 2005, a male victim was killed at his home in Triangle, Virginia as a result of a single .22 caliber gunshot wound to the head. Prince William County detectives learned of the crime after responding to a hit and run call where they found the victim's vehicle abandoned at the scene. On the same day, two males attempted to utilize the victim's credit cards at several Automated Teller Machine (ATM) locations. Surveillance photos at these locations were later identified by Prince William detectives as Wesley Bryan Garland and Christopher Shawn Young of Stafford, Virginia. Detectives learned that Garland was the suspect in a previous burglary where a .22 caliber handgun had been stolen. Warrants were obtained for both suspects on November 22, 2005, and the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) was contacted for assistance in the case. Investigation by Prince William County Police detectives and CARFTF investigators, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, resulted in a possible hideout for the two near Culpepper, Virginia. On November 23, 2005, during a surveillance of the residence, the suspects' vehicle was observed hidden in the backyard. CARFTF personnel, with the assistance of the Culpepper County Sheriff's Office, moved in and quickly arrested both subjects without incident. In addition to homicide charges, Prince William County detectives expect to charge the two with several other burglaries in the County.



Wesley Garland



Christopher Young

**Wanted for Homicide
and Use of a Firearm
in Commission of a
Felony**

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Joseph Morris Russo was arrested on November 26, 2005 in Sunland, California by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and parole agents from the California Department of Corrections, Law Enforcement and Investigations Unit (CDC-LEIU). Russo was wanted by the CDC-LEIU for parole violation and by the Torrance, California Police Department for rape and sodomy. Russo, while on parole for being a felon in possession of a firearm, allegedly lured a 35-year-old female victim to a location in Torrance, California where he offered her some drinks. Russo is believed to have laced her drinks with an unknown substance, causing her to become unconscious. Russo then allegedly repeatedly raped and sodomized the victim before dropping her off at another location. Russo was subsequently identified as the suspect and a warrant was issued for his arrest on November 10, 2005. The Torrance Police Department and the CDC-LEIU requested assistance from the PSWRFTF in locating and apprehending Russo. Working in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), investigators determined that Russo was associated with a residence in Santa Clarita, California and established surveillance. Russo was observed leaving the residence as a passenger in a vehicle being driven by a female. The surveillance team followed the vehicle to a business in Sunland, California and arrested Russo without incident after he exited the vehicle. Russo was transported to the Torrance Police Department and booked for rape, sodomy and parole violation.



Joseph Russo

Wanted for Rape and Sodomy

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 23, 2005, the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) arrested Kevin J Woods who was wanted by the Camden Police Department, New Jersey State Police's Auto Unit South Document Fraud Squad, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Woods was wanted for fraud, theft, aiding and abetting, official misconduct, forgery, theft by deception, tampering with public records, a parole violation with an underlying charge of criminal possession of a weapon, and for impersonating a Deputy United States Marshal. Over a period of several months, Woods acted as a ring leader for an operation in which he recruited people to open fraudulent bank accounts and write bad checks. The total amount of theft was estimated in the ten of thousands of dollars. Woods also recruited a female who assisted him by tampering with public records in order to obtain a fictitious title for his vehicle. An extensive investigation yielded a lead indicating Woods may be hiding out at his girlfriend's residence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On November 23, 2005, NY/NJ RFTF investigators proceeded to the target location and observed Woods leaving the residence. After a brief foot pursuit, Woods was taken into custody.



Kevin Woods

Wanted for Fraud, Theft, Aiding and Abetting, Official Misconduct, Forgery, Tampering with Public Records, and Impersonating a Deputy United States Marshal